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SUBJ: CIVIL DISORDERS IN SOUTHERN PERU

REF: LIMA 8582 AND 8676

- 1. ALL SURFACE SHIPMENTS TO THE U.S. MISSION LAPAZ NOW UTILIZE PORT OF MATARANI. SHIPMENTS ARE THEN FORWARDED TO LA PAZ BY TRUCK OR BY RAIL.DUE TO RECENT DISORDERS IN CUZCO, PUNO AND AREQUIPA U.S. MISSION SHIPMENTS HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED OR DIVERTED TO OTHER PORTS.
- 2. WE APPRECIATE EXTENSIVE AND INFORMATIVE REPORTING FROM LIMA ON STATUS OF SITUATION. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEALING WITH SPECIFICALLY THE PORT SITUATION IN MATARANI, THE RAIL STRIKE, OR INTERRUPTIONS TO ROAD TRANSIT FROM MATARANI TO BOLIVIA WOULD BE OF GREATUSE TO US.WE ARE CONCERNED BOTH ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON SHIPMENTS NOW DELAYED OR DIVERTED DUE TO CURRENTPROBLEMS AND ABOUT THE LONGER TERM FORECAST FOR REPEATED DISRUPTIONS TO THIS VITAL SUPPLY LINE TO US.
- 3. ONE CONTAINER OF LIQUOR AND CIGARETTES WITH A VALUE OF \$19,997.50 SHIPPED BY PRUDENTIAL OCEAN JET FOR AMERICAN EMBASSY COMMIASSARY LA PAZ DUE TO LAND MATARANI 22 NOVEMBER WAS DISEMBARKED AT CALLAO. SHIPMENT IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR CHRISTMAS. WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARED ATTEMPT TOSEND TRUCK TO CALLAO TO RECOVER SHIPMENT BUT

UNDERSTAND CONTAINER CANNOT BE RELEASED THERE SINCE CALLAO "IS NOT A TRANSIT PORT." WOULD APPRECATE EMBASSY CONTACTING MOISES WALL AGENT FOR PRUDENTIAL OCEAN LINE IN CALLAO, 299170, TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY WAY SHIPMENT MIGHT BE RELEASED TO OUR TRUCK FOR TRANSPORT TO LA PAZ. ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTATION IS WITH AGENCIA CALVIOMONTES IN MATARANI AND COULD BE PICKED UP BY TRUCK DRIVER WE WOULD SEND FOR USE IN SECURING RELEASE IN CALLAO ANY SUGGESTIONS BY EMBASSY LIMA ON MEANS TO SECURE EXPEDITIOUS SHIPMENT THIS ORDER TO LA PAZ WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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